Of the AFC Member Associations, 39 are currently implementing the club licensing system, with around 612 football clubs involved from all over Asia. The AFC Club Licensing Unit is supported by the Development Officers for each region in this enormous effort.

Apart from the increase in the number of Member Associations and clubs participating in the system, there has been a significant improvement in the quality of implementation of various criteria under the regulations. The AFC’s efforts in controlling the growing problem of overdue payables to players, coaches, club employees, football clubs and social/tax authorities have received acceptance among football stakeholders. A public email address has been made available to enable stakeholders to report overdue payable to AFC.

The support provided by the AFC to Member Associations such as Syria experiencing domestic unrest and DPR Korea with a different governance model has allowed also those Member Associations to benefit from the implementation of club licensing. Being able to cater for all Member Associations, AFC club licensing is inching closer to its aim of having all the Member Associations under the its fold.
The AFC Club Licensing Administration System (CLAS) is an online platform provided to Member Associations by the AFC for a transparent and paperless club licensing system. The Member Associations have been quick to adopt the system and the AFC is currently upgrading it with new features to further improve its effectiveness. Soon, the decision-making bodies of the Member Associations will be able to register decisions regarding the licensing of clubs in the CLAS platform. Additionally, the CLAS will have spot-check modules, multilingual support and tablet/mobile compatibility.

It is expected that the decision-making capability in CLAS will be functional by the end September and pioneer Member Associations will test the functionality. Your participation and reviews are highly appreciated. Please feel free to contact the AFC Club Licensing Unit at club.licensing@the-afc.com if interested.
Announcement(s):

1. 3rd Meeting of the AFC Club Licensing Task Force
   Date: 6 October 2017
   Venue: AFC House, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2. AFC Club Licensing Annual Seminar 2017
   Date: 4 -5 December 2017
   Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
   • If you wish to suggest any matters for discussion during the AFC Club Licensing Annual Seminar 2017, please write to us at club.licensing@the-afc.com.

Other Matters:

• Exception requests to Article 7.1.2 (the ‘two-year rule’) should be submitted to the AFC administration as soon as the Member Association becomes aware of the need for the request.

• Submission of the list of licensed clubs to the AFC shall be no later than the deadline stipulated in the core process timeline, or latest by 31 October 2017 (Tuesday).